

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL**

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The **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL
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is a new organization forming in the Fall of 2002.

For now, this new activity is
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ISIS Center at California State University Fresno.
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CHARTER version 1.4

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Name

The name of the organization is the San Joaquin Valley Regional Geographic Information Systems Council.

2. Region

The region of the council contains the eight counties of California's San Joaquin Valley; Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin.

3. Location

The principal office (**interim**) and convening organization (**interim**) is:

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II. PURPOSE

1. Mission

The purpose of the council is to facilitate cooperation among public and private agencies in the San Joaquin Valley Region in promoting development and dissemination of Geographic Information Systems infrastructure and geospatial data.

2. Goals

- a. To improve operations, reduce costs, and facilitate new analyses and joint decision-making.
- b. To provide a forum **for** information sharing and collaboration.
- c. To realize economies of scale through joint purchase projects.
- d. To pursue funding for geospatial projects on a regional basis.
- e. To promote the goals of the California GIS Council.

III. PARTICIPATION

Council participation is open to all GIS users and individuals interested in promoting the development of GIS infrastructure in the region.

Council participation is not exclusive. It is anticipated that some participants may wish to affiliate with more than one Regional GIS Council.

The council is an information exchange not a policy-making forum hence its actions are not binding on any participant.

Individuals **or organizations** indicate their participation in the council by providing their current contact information in the Council's Contact List.

IV. OPERATIONS

1. Meetings

Regular meetings will be held quarterly at the call of the chair.
Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the chair.

2. Governance

The council will **elect** the following **executive committee** officers at the first regular meeting of each calendar year;

- chair,
- recorder,
- webmaster,
- liaison to the California GIS Council,
- a convening organization, and
- other officers on an as-needed basis.

The Council will be primarily an informational and coordinating body and will seek consensus on recommendations. Consensus will be determined by a poll of members present by the meeting Chair. Decisions on commitment of funding, or resources ultimately rest with individual or organizational members and would be governed by a separate agreement.

Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chair, with at least twenty-four (24) hours notice, to discuss and make recommendations on issues that are critical and need immediate resolution. Special meetings may be conducted by written, facsimile, electronic, email, or telephone communication so long as all other conditions of the meeting protocol are met.

3. **Communication**

Written communications to participants most often will take place via email.

A website will be maintained at www.sjvgis.org

Website postings will include;

- agendas
- meeting notes,
- participants list,
- a main contact notation for each organization/agency.

4. **Participants Contact List**

Participants will provide for the contact list;

- participant's name,
- title,
- role
- organization
- department,
- email address
- telephone number,

5. **Dissolution**

The Council will continue to function as long as it has the confidence of its participants. In any case, the Council charter will automatically dissolve should any period of twelve(12) months elapse between meetings.

6. **Collaborative Projects**

From time-to-time the council may establish collaboration for the purpose of pursuing a particular project. **A project may be proposed by any participant. Should sufficient interest be indicated, a committee will be struck to manage the project and create a project proposal. Included in the project proposal will be a draft Memorandum of Agreement outlining the:**

- detailed nature of the project
- means of indicating participation
- cost of participation or financial proceeds of participation
- lead agency that will enter into a contractual arrangement on behalf of the project participants.
- individual having primary responsibility for the project
- sharing, distribution, updating, and maintenance resolutions
- ownership and restrictions-on-use resolutions

The project proposal shall be posted on the website and participants will receive an email notification of the posting. A website bulletin board discussion of the proposal will be facilitated and the contributions to that discussion will be saved for future reference.

7. Liaison to the California GIS Council

The liaison to the California GIS Council will represent Regional Council as expressed in directed resolutions from the Regional Council. Deliberations of the California GIS Council will be posted on the website and circulated via email to participants.

8. Amendments

Amendments to this charter can be made by consensus at any regular meeting.